

# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 12, 2004

## H.R. 4418

# Customs Border Security and Trade Agencies Authorization Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means on July 8, 2004

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 4418 would authorize appropriations for 2005 and 2006 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission. The bill also would make many minor changes to the current laws relating to the entry of persons and goods into the United States.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4418 would cost about \$21 billion over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. All but \$200 million of this total would be spending for CBP and ICE. Enacting the bill would have a very small effect on direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

## ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4418 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs), 750 (administration of justice), and 800 (general government). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year. We expect that CBP and ICE would spend those funds somewhat more slowly than the historical rates for these agencies because the bill would authorize substantial increases in funding over the amounts appropriated for 2004.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT	TO APPRO	PRIATIO	)N			
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	7,360	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6,786	1,387	698	16	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	10,317	10,912	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	7,244	9,712	3,191	1,081	0
Spending Under H.R. 4418						
Authorization Level	7,360	10,317	10,912	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6,786	8,631	10,410	3,207	1,081	0

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated for that year for CBP, ICE, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

H.R. 4418 would renew the designation of San Antonio International Airport as a site for customs processing of private aircraft. That provision could have a very small effect on collections of customs fees.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4418 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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